

ESSAY QUESTION

“Strikes come with many adverse effects.” Write an essay in support of the statement basing on betrayal in the city.

In a society, people strike when they feel that the leadership is not sorting their issues or when they want a serious issue acted upon quickly. In betrayal in the city, Adika is the ring-leader in strikes in an effort to criticize the leadership for deploying many foreign experts into the country.

Adika leads the students to strike against the influx of foreign experts and he is brutally murdered in the streets. This in turn leads to an emotional breakdown in Doga, Nina and Jusper. Jusper takes Chagaga's life for murdering Adika. He is then taken to prison and his parents Doga and Nina are killed in cold blood. The long-term effect of the strike and murder of Adika later on leads to Mulili's death.

Strikes lead to revenge. Boss is mad at both the authority and people involved in the strike. He then becomes vindictive by deploying 300 more foreign experts. "I deliberately sent in an order for 300 more expatriate personnel, just to put them in their place," says Boss. Jere is betrayed by Mulili for allowing Doga and Nina to carry out the shaving ceremony. Mulili is vindictive by thinking that he has been belittled by Doga and Nina thus makes sure that the couple's lives are taken. Jusper brings forth a play that is targeted at punishing those who have put him to punishing those people who have put in a lot of pain. He unveils the evils of Mulili to Boss who then betrays him. He later shoots Mulili because he has a lot of resentment over his actions.

Strikes lead to imprisonment. Mosese is taken to prison and flogged for giving a speech and crying in public during Adika's funeral. Jere is taken to prison for being involved with Adika's parents and insisting that the parents (Doga and Nina) should be allowed to conduct the shaving ceremony. He is put to shame by askari and also receives a beating.

Strikes lead to psychological torture. Mosese sees imaginary things in prison because of his troubled mind. Jere says, "When the madness of an entire nation troubles a solitary mind, it is not enough to say the man is mad." [pg. 31] He says this referring to the behavior of Mosese. When Adika is brutally murdered as a result of spear-heading the strike, Jusper gets very troubled until he behaves like he's insane. "People say am mad. My mother thinks I am out of my mind. My father calls me crazy..." says Jusper. Mosese's sister Regina, who is also Jusper's girlfriend is nearly defiled by Boss. This makes Mr. Tumbo go through psychological torture for her had asked Regina to plead with Boss for her brother's release.